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By Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, petitor of Eugene L. O'Flaherty and others relative to charter schools. Education.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO CHARTER SCHOOLS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Section 89 of Chapter 71 of the Massachusetts General Laws,  
2 as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition is hereby amended by  
3 striking out the third and fourth sentences in subsection (i) and  
4 inserting in place thereof the following:  
5 (i) In any fiscal year, a public school district's total charter  
6 school tuition payment to the commonwealth's charter schools  
7 shall not exceed nine per cent of said district's net school  
8 spending; provided, however, that a public school district's total  
9 charter tuition payment to the commonwealth's charter schools  
10 may equal twenty per cent of said district's net school spending if  
11 the board determines the MCAS scores for a school district place  
12 said district in the lowest ten percent of all statewide MCAS test  
13 performance scores for two consecutive years. The board shall  
14 not approve additional applications for any new charter schools in  
15 these designated school districts if the district's MCAS scores rise  
16 above the bottom ten per cent of all statewide MCAS scores for

17 any two consecutive years after said determination is made by the  
18 board. The commonwealth shall incur charter school tuition pay-  
19 ments for siblings attending commonwealth charter schools to the  
20 extent that their attendance would otherwise cause said school dis-  
21 trict's charter tuition payments to exceed nine per cent of said  
22 school district's net school spending.